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SUBJECT: NORDIC-BRITISH TUC MEETING APRIL 29-30

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 1199; (B) HELSINKI 0863

SUMMARY: APRIL 29-30 NORDIC-BRITISH TUC MEETING APPEARED  
TO CONFIRM LIKELIHOOD HEINZ VETTER, WEST GERMAN DGB, WILL  
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BE ELECTED PRESIDENT EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

(ETUC). ITALIAN CGIL TO BE ADMITTED TO ETUC AFTER COPENHAGEN CONGRESS; RASSCHAERT TO REMAIN AS ETUC GENSEC WITH DANE PEER CARLSEN POSSIBLE ASSTGENSC. END SUMMARY.

1. JOHN SVENNINGSSEN, GENSEC OF NORDIC TRADE UNION COUNCIL (NTUC) SAID ONE RESULT OF MEETING OF NTUC AND BRITISH TUC WAS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ELECTION OF HEINZ VETTER, DGB, AS PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED. SCANS, WHO DO NOT RPT NOT WANT TO SEE ETUC PRESIDENCY GO TO A WEST GERMAN SINCE GERMANS ALREADY IN TOP POSITIONS AT ICFTU, AND METALWORKERS FEEL THAT TUC SUPPORT OF VETTER MAKES THOMAS NIELSEN CANDIDACY VIABLE ONLY IF SPLIT WITHIN DGB ITSELF PREVENTS VETTER ELECTION AND NIELSEN CHOSEN AS COMPROMISE CANDIDATE. ADDED GERMANS WOULD BLOCK DEBUNNE CANDIDACY. SCANS EQUALLY UNHAPPY WITH ABILITY OF TUC AND DGB TO DECIDE ISSUE AMONG THEMSELVES. VIEW TUC SUPPORT OF VETTER AS ILLOGICAL, SINCE TUC GENERALLY OPPOSED TO EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY OF MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VETTER ACTIVE PROPONENT OF STRONG ETUC, BUT SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF UPSETTING TUC-DGB APPLECARD. SAID VETTER WHO NOW ACTIVELY WANTS ETUC PRESIDENCY, PAYING CALL UPON TUC IN LONDON MAY 8, JUST PRIOR TO MAY 9 ETUC EXEC BOARD MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

2. SVENNINGSSEN SAID RUMORS AFLOAT THAT BRUNO STORTI WILL ALSO BE CANDIDATE FOR ETUC PRESIDENCY, HOPING TO RIDE "ITALIAN WAVE," BUT THAT STORTI'S CHANCES OF ELECTION SLIM. IN ANY EVENT, SCANS HAVE UNFAVORABLE OPINION OF STORTI BASED ON HIS INACTION AS ICFTU PRESIDENT AND WOULD OPPOSE HIS CANDIDACY.

3. SVENNINGSSEN CONFIRMED INFO REPORTED REFTEL B THAT ITALIAN CGIL TO BE ADMITTED TO ETUC BY EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION AFTER MAY 22-23 COPENHAGEN MEETING.

4. RE ETUC SEC GEN QUESTION, SVENNINGSSEN SAID TUCS HARGREAVES SEES NO RPT NO POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING RASSCHAERT AS ETUC SEC GEN. ABSENCE OF REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE OF SWITZERLAND. CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD MAKE EXERCISE POINTLESS. PEER CARLSEN, INTERNATIONAL SEC OF DANISH LO, STILL STRONG POSSIBILITY AS ASSTSEC GEN ALTHOUGH OTHER NORDICS WOULD PREFER ASSTSEC GEN FROM OUTSIDE EC COUNTRIES. AGAIN, ABSENCE OF OTHER CANDIDATES, NO NORWEGIAN, SWEDEN, OR FINN OF CONSEQUENCE APPEARS TO WANT THE JOB, LIMITS OPTIONS. OLSEN

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